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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF USING A HYBRID OF FIXED MEDIA DATA AND NETWORK-BASED DATA TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE CHANGES

An apparatus and method for downloading software product fixes, updates, enhancements etc. only when absolutely needed and only for temporary use are provided. When the software product begins to execute, a feature uses a web address, embedded in the software product, to access a Web site where changes such as updates, fixes, enhancements etc. are logged in. Each fix or update has a tag or title that corresponds to a tag or title in the product. These tags or titles are downloaded. When information indexed by a tag or title is going to be used, the feature accesses the network to download the information (i.e., the update or fix). This information is used until the user stops execution of the software product.